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SUBJECT: R/V ALPHA HELIX AMAZON EXPEDITION - PHASE VIII

1. R/V ALPHA HELIX WILL BE COMPLETING HER RESEARCH IN THE AMAZON LATE THIS SPRING. THE RUN DOWN RIVER FROM IQUITOS BEGINNING ABOUT 18 MAY WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ADDITIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEASUREMENTS. PHASE VIII HAS BEEN PLANNED TO BE AN EXACT DUPLICATION OF THE RESEARCH WHICH WAS PERFORMED DURING PHASE I. CHIEF SCIENTIST WOULD AGAIN BE DR. JOHN EDMOND OF MIT AND THE RESEARCH WOULD INVOLVE TAKING OF WATER SAMPLES AND MEASUREMENTS OF CURRENT FLOW AND THE AMOUNT OF SUSPENDED SEDIMENTS. IN AREAS WHERE MEASUREMENTS ARE TAKEN THE SHIP WILL USE ITS FATHOMETER TO CHART DEPTH CONTOURS. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THE WATER SAMPLES WILL BE CONDUCTED. INFORMATION ON
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RESEARCH TECHNIQUES AND SHIP'S TRACK IS THE SAME AS WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE ORIGINAL PHASE I, LEG 2. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE POUCHED AGAIN IF REQUESTED.

2. RESEARCH CLEARANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED FROM PERU AND BRAZIL. NO RESEARCH IS BEING PLANNED IN COLOMBIAN WATERS. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TWO PARTICIPANTS FROM HOST

COUNTRY WHILE VESSEL IS OPERATING IN EACH COUNTRY, RESPECTIVELY; AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH HOST COUNTRIES.

3. APPROACH TO HOST COUNTRIES MIGHT BE MADE ON PREMISE OF EXTENDING PREVIOUS CLEARANCE APPROVALS TO COVER PHASE VIII RESEARCH. THIS MIGHT AVOID PROBLEMS INVOLVING LEAD TIMES AND PROVISION OF CERTAIN MATERIALS DESIGNATED IN RESEARCH DECREES. PHASE VIII IS, AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, AN EXTENSION OF RESEARCH ALREADY APPROVED BY HOST COUNTRIES.

4. ACTION: EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V ALPHA HELIX TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC

RESEARCH FROM 18 MAY THROUGH 7 JUNE 1977. FYI A CLEARANCE REQUEST WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY FOR A RESEARCH PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED OFF THE COAST WHEN THE ALPHA HELIX LEAVES THE AMAZON RIVER AND HEADS NORTHWARD. END FYI.
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